September 28, 2025 8:30 & 10:45 AM

Gathering

WELCOME

If you are visiting with us, we'd love to hear from you. And if you have a prayer concern, we will be glad to add it to our prayer list. Please fill out the Connection Card on the back of the pew in front of you or contact the church office for more information.

PRELUDE Turn Your Radio On The Forester Sisters

Connecting with God

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: We praise God's holy name!

Leader: God has blessed us all abundantly.

People: And God has called us to be blessings.

Leader: We come here to listen to God's story.

People: And we leave this place to go and tell God's story.

Leader: May our story and God's story come together.

People: We are the bearers of the Good News!

*HYMN 552 Standing on the Promises PROMISES
(v. 1, 2, 4)

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE (10:45) Charlie Zakowski

SCRIPTURE READING 2 Corinthians 9:6-12
Second Testament, pg. 183

CHILDREN'S TIME (10:45)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

ANTHEM Did Trouble Me Susan Werner

Proclaiming God's Word

SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 29:11 First Testament, pg. 731

SERMON Dreaming Forward
Rev. Dr. Donald K. Gillett, II

HYMN 16 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing NETTLETON

**Please stand as you are able.*

Responding to God's Word

INVITATION TO OFFERING

We pass the plates as a reminder of the importance of expressing our generous thanks to God. We are grateful for all the ways people give, including online (see QR code in this bulletin) or the website (crestwoodchristian.org/give).

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY Keep on the Sunny Side
Ada Blenkhorn and J. Howard Entwisle

*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

OR

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FROM SCRIPTURE

SHARING OF THE BREAD & CUP
The Gathering of Spirits Carrie Newcomer

Please eat the bread when you receive your communion cup, then wait and drink the juice after the Elder's prayer. Please let the deacon know if you would prefer a gluten-free option. We encourage you to recycle your communion cup after the service.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Putting Faith into Action

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

If you are interested in joining the church, please come forward during the closing hymn.

*HYMN 557 Just a Closer Walk With Thee CLOSER WALK

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
HYMN 445 Go In Peace OCEAN PARK

POSTLUDE This Train is Bound for Glory Traditional

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REV. DR. DONALD KEITH GILLETT, II

Rev. Dr. Gillett has deep roots in the Kentucky region. He was called as the General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Kentucky in May 2021 and began his ministry on August 1, 2021. He served 22 years as senior pastor of East Second Street Christian Church in Lexington. He also served four years as the Executive Director of the Kentucky Council of Churches and continues to serve as a contingent faculty at Lexington Theological Seminary.

In addition to Rev. Dr. Gillett's current work, he has extensive experience at the local, regional, and denominational level.

Reverend Dr. Gillett has four children, Jeremy, Liyah, Tasia, and Donald III (Trey) and three grandchildren, Jayda, Taeshawn, and Amaya. He is married to Dr. Charisse L. Gillett, President of the Lexington Theological Seminary.

"I live by the passage in Ephesians," said Rev. Dr. Gillett. "'The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.'"

"DREAMING FORWARD" STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Do you ever wish you could see into the future? While none of us can know exactly what lies ahead for Crestwood Christian Church, we can live with confidence in God's promise from Jeremiah 29:11: *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."* That hope-filled future becomes possible when we come together in faith and generosity.

Today, we begin our 2025 Financial Stewardship campaign, **Dreaming Forward**. We ask you to join us as we step boldly into what God is calling us to do together. Your stewardship pledge makes it possible for Crestwood to share God's love in powerful ways—caring for those in need, strengthening our ministries, and extending God's welcome to all. We ask you to prayerfully consider how you might give faithfully and generously this year. By giving generously, we ensure that Crestwood continues to be a beacon of God's love in our community and beyond, today and for generations to come.

Joys and Concerns

MEMBERS: Rick Fern, the family and friends of Bonnie Flanery, James Pelfrey, the family of Faye Porter, the family of Darval Rash

FAMILY: The family of Ernie Nordman (brother of Libby Sharpe), **the family of David Stehle** (brother of Bettye Burns), **Jim Wallace** (father of Scott Wallace)

FRIENDS: Brent Bradford (of Brianna Browning), **Tybi Finnegan** (of Steph Wallace), **Kim Gilbert** (of Heather Pergram), **the family of Judy King** (of Joanne Brown), **George Miller** (of Jill and Rick Sawyer), **Tex Weber** (of Jill & Rick Sawyer)

LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST: the Cristi family (of Crestwood), **David Farmer** (friend of Kimberly Sparks), **Jo Fulkerson**, **Laurie Hart** (granddaughter of Susan & Kendall Hart), **Jordan & Ginny Sue Hemphill** (brother & sister-in-law of Monte LaFrana), **Denise Murray, Tony Shartle**, **Henrietta Shores** (granddaughter of Mary Beth Shores), **Nathaniel Sligh** (nephew of Kimberly Sparks), **Carter Yates** (nephew of Stephanie & Josh Moore)

ARMED FORCES: Alex Back (son of Andrea Back), **Anar Aliyev** (of Crestwood), **Karlis Bowman** (nephew of Debbie Gardner), **Tristan Bowman** (nephew of Debbie Gardner), **Bud DeLacey** (nephew of Matt & Michelle DeLacey), **Connor Hankins** (nephew of Lauren York), **Matt Holman** (son of Gaye Holman), **Zoe McIntyre** (granddaughter of John Sims), **Ashlyn Marra-Sigler & Daniel Sigler** (daughter-in-law & son of Pam & David Sigler)

HEART-TO-HEART MEMBERS: Carlene Adams, Karen Billings, Janice Boyd, Dick Featherston, Sylvia Griffin, Buzz Mattingly, John Sims, John & Carolyn Thomas, Lucy Wheeler

OUR WORLD COMMUNITY: We pray for the victims and loved ones impacted by violence, inmates of the Fayette County Detention Center and their families, an end to wars across the globe, the peace of God to rule in the hearts of our local and national leaders, those affected by natural disasters, and for God's spirit of reconciliation to bring healing during these difficult times.

Our Mission

Connecting people to God and each other by welcoming and accepting everyone; helping them grow in their faith; and empowering them to serve God by serving others.

Today's Worship Leaders

Elders
8:30 Jay Prather
10:45 Gayle Hutcherson

Liturgists
10:45 Patti Bridges

Next Sunday

Cups That Runneth Over
Luke 6:27-36
Rev. Steph Wallace

What's Coming Up at Crestwood
September 28, 2025

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, September 28
8:30 AM - Worship Service
9:30 AM - Sunday School
9:40 AM - Wake Up With Wallace - Panera Bread
10:00 AM - Choir Practice
10:45 AM - Worship Service

Wednesday, October 1
1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library

Thursday, October 2
9:30 AM - Stephen Ministers - Chapel
11:00 AM - Bible Study CANCELLED
7:00 PM - Choir Practice

Sunday, October 5
8:30 AM - Worship Service
9:30 AM - Sunday School
10:00 AM - Choir Practice
10:45 AM - Worship Service
4:00 PM - Combined Youth Group

Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson Senior Minister	Rev. Kelly Hale Minister of Pastoral Care	Frank Spragens Music Director
Rev. Steph Wallace Interim Associate Minister	Jennifer Heersche Office Administrator	Cindy Abernathy Pianist
Pastor Missy Wallace Children's Minister	Jim Cristi Facilities Manager	Jane Johnson Organist

CRESTWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Dreaming Forward

Jeremiah 29:11

Rev. Dr. Donald K. Gillett, II

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Welcome to Crestwood!
We are glad you have joined us for worship.
We hope your time with us is meaningful and that you return soon.

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